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We have seen some big bluefins over the last couple of weeks, and they stuck around for the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament held at the Ocean City Fishing Center last weekend. On the second day of the tournament, David Salvatore landed this 158 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "That's Right" and held on to win 1st place in the Heaviest Tuna Division. David was fishing with anglers Rick Huckaba, Brian Fish, Tom Greiner, Matt Henderson, Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. The 64.5-inch bluefin, along with a 46.5-incher, was caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone and earned the team \$103,802 in award money. The first place finish also qualifies the crew for participation in the I.G.F.A Offshore Championship. Full tournament coverage can be found beginning on page 22.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



I received several comments after last week's column on summer flounder catches and the MRFSS (Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey). Just want to make sure you folks realize that the words were Joe O'Hara's, not mine. All I did was pass along his excellent observations, and he deserves all the credit. The comments I received were in complete agreement to the fact that recreational anglers are getting completely shafted by the inaccurate counts generated by the MRFSS. Buddy Siegel, of Oyster Bay Tackle, who says he "used to number crunch in my prior life," even sent me spreadsheets he created that were based on flounder intercept reports. They basically confirm Joe O'Hara's own observations. The problem, the way I see it, anyway, is getting

anyone in the National Marine Fisheries Service or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to actually listen and do something about it...this whole farce has been playing for years and years now, and unfortunately I don't see it changing anytime soon...



Spadefish don't get very big—a 14-pounder is huge—but they pull like the dickens. Most are caught over wrecks or around other structure like the pilings at the Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel. I ran across an unusual fishing report a while back, however, about a gentleman from Ocracoke, NC named Andrew Paduch who was casting a plastic grub from the beach when he hooked and landed a 9-pound spadefish. Since he was casting a grub, I assume he was fishing for

flounder or speckled trout, maybe puppy drum, and using fairly light tackle, so I bet he had the fight of a lifetime. Spadefish become fairly abundant in this area in the summer when the water warms. They are usually found over wrecks at places like Winter Quarter Shoal, and I'm sure some of the artificial reef sites are holding spades. If you want to fish for them, clams will usually work, though their primary diet is jellyfish. Use small, number 1 or 2 hooks (some anglers swear by red hooks) and fish several baits at different depths, like one or more under bobbers, one or two floating freely with just a split shot as weight and at least one on the bottom. Chumming with chopped up clams helps a lot, but don't overfeed...use just enough to get them going...



I was walking down the dock at one of the local marinas last week when I noticed a nice ball of small bunker (menhaden) daisy chaining in one of the slips. It was the first

time I had seen them this year, but a lot of baitfish have moved into the bays in the past couple of weeks, including bunker and spot. I'm sure there are also finger mullet up in the canals, and the numbers of silversides should be on the increase as well. Live bunker make good baits for flounder, stripers and gray trout (weakfish), though the latter are pretty scarce. They are tougher to keep alive than spot, but if you have a good live well and don't put too many in it at one time, they will stay alive for several hours of a fishing trip. I usually hook them through the lips or through the snout just above the mouth. If you catch bunker with a cast net, which is the normal method, a little trick that I think I mentioned last year is to give them a minute or two after you net them before you dump the bait in the live well. When the bunker are stressed by capture they often secrete excrement, to put it as politely as I can. Holding them in the cast net for a minute or two will allow this to take place

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Cori Cluster of Berlin, MD hooked into this 64-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Reel Addiction" with Kenny Hooper of Bishopville, MD, Bernie McAleese of West Ocean City, MD, Capt. Greg Ignash and Mate Jon Yost. The group also returned with a 41-inch bluefin and a couple of dolphin in addition to releasing 4 other bluefins, after fishing outside the Parking Lot. The big bluefin hit a Squidnation Big Heavy and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Asher Tingle of Middletown, DE was drifting a strip of squid in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport when he boated this 25.5-inch, 7 lb. 4 oz. flounder during the incoming tide. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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before you put them in the well. Otherwise, the water in the live well becomes fouled and the bait will not live as well. I use a couple of basic rigs for fishing live bunker or other baits. One is a "fish finder" type rig with a sliding egg sinker above a swivel with a two to three foot leader to the hook. This is a time honored rig, of course, but it is a pain if you want to change sinkers, so lately I have been using an in-line swivel with a dropper of 6 to 8 inches to a stainless snap for the sinker. I tie a leader of about 36 to 42 inches to one of the other eyes. An in-line swivel is basically a three-way that is "T" shaped, giving you a straight pull from line to leader. For both rigs, I usually use a 4/0 hook, either a Mustad stainless steel wide gap or a Gamakatsu octopus circle hook. The leader is usually a 30-pound test mono stick leader. You can go lighter if you think you might get more bites, but I don't think it matters that much with a flounder, or a striper either, for that matter, and the lighter leaders just don't hold

up as well to the chafing of snags, fish, or whatever...



There was an interesting story circulating on the Internet last weekend about some guys on a tugboat out of Canaveral, FL. They were headed to South Carolina and trolling a line at 9 knots when they caught a huge dolphin (mahi mahi, the fish). These guys estimated the dorado (another name for it) to be in the 100 lb. range, and from looking at the photos they took, I believe it. One picture had one of the men lying down next to the fish, which appears to be about 6 feet long. Apparently they didn't have enough ice to keep the fish all the way to South Carolina, however, so they cut it up without weighing it. The current all-tackle IGFA record for dolphin is 87 pounds. The largest dolphin I have ever seen here was a 71 pounder caught during the White Marlin Open many years ago. It should be a Maryland state record, but the catch report wasn't filled out in a timely manner, and the state wouldn't accept the catch later...

Spent last weekend at the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, and it was nice to see a lot of old friends. It seemed like the bluefin tuna almost all went to the same school, and the weights were very close. Someone called them "cookie cutter fish". The weather was pretty decent, the crowds were good and the entries were better than expected, given the state of the economy. All in all, it was a very nice tournament, and the folks at the Ocean City Fishing Center deserve a lot of credit for a job well done. This weekend is the 5th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kids Classic. This tournament has become very popular very quickly. It gives the youngsters a chance to shine, and I hope you get your kids involved...



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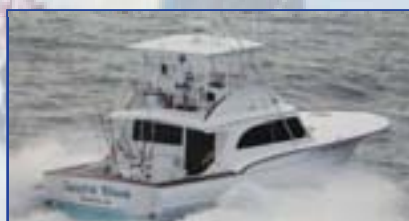
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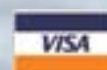
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Well, a good part of the week was centered around the scales of the Ocean City Fishing Center, home of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament.

Heading into the week, big bluefin tuna were hitting the docks on a daily basis, so it was no surprise that 60+ inch bluefins dominated the action at the scales. The interesting thing was how many fish were within an inch of each other. They really were "cookie cutter" bluefins, and although there was no official count, I would guess that we saw between 20 and 25 bluefins that measured between 61 and 64 inches. This made it a very exciting tournament, with the third place heaviest tuna weighing only 2 lbs. less than the 1st place fish.

Speaking of the first place fish, hats off to the "That's Right" for not only weighing the heaviest tuna of the tournament (158 lbs.) but also weighing the heaviest stringer of the tournament (372 lbs.). Since you can only win either the Heaviest Fish Division or the Heaviest Stringer Division, the "That's Right" was



Avak Khachadorian of North Potomac, MD caught the largest flounder so far this year in Ocean City, landing this 27-inch, 9 lb. 2 oz. flattie while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. The fish was caught on a strip of squid on an artificial reef and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

awarded 1st place in the Heaviest Fish Division.

The winning tuna was

caught on the second day of the tournament by David Salvatore on a trolled ballyhoo just above the Chicken Bone. Interestingly, the next day Capt. John Oughton reported hooking a whopper, estimated at over 200 lbs., but had to release it since they already had the 110 pounder in the box.

Overall, it was another great tournament with 120 boats participating. This was only down 8 boats from the prior year, which in this economy, is quite an accomplishment.

Kudos to the staff of the Ocean City Fishing Center, the weighmasters, the dockhands, the MC Paulo McKenzie, and all the other folks that worked hard to put on a 1st class tournament. Job well done!

FLOUNDER

Over the last couple of weeks we have seen some large flounder being caught in Ocean City, primarily in the East Channel and on ocean reefs and wrecks. This past week was no exception, highlighted by Avak Khachadorian's 9 lb. 2 oz. flounder caught on an artificial reef aboard the "Morning Star"

Earlier in the week, also fishing on the "Morning Star", Seth Gusman caught an 8 lb. 12 oz. flattie on an artificial reef using a bucktail tipped with sea robin.

We also saw some nice flounder coming in from the East Channel, with some over 5 lbs. Most of the flounder I saw from this area came from in tight to the bridge or up by Harbour Island.

Now don't read this thinking that flounder fishing is red hot, because it isn't. Anglers are needing to weed through a lot of throwbacks to get their keepers. Squid, shiners, minnows, Gulp! artificial baits and flounder belly are the baits to use.

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YELLOWFIN TUNA

Unfortunately, yellowfin tuna have been scarce. I remember only seeing one or two at the scales of the Tuna Tournament over the weekend. Those boats that were able to locate them did so inshore of the Washington Canyon in 50-70 fathoms.

The best yellowfin catch of the week came in on Wednesday by anglers on the "Marli" who returned with 17 yellowfins from 65 fathoms inside the Poorman's Canyon. The group also released another 20 yellowfins in addition to a white marlin.

STRIPED BASS

Anglers fishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge in the early morning hours and at dusk are finding striped bass more than eager to take their bait or lure. One striper fisherman told me that the stripers are in tight against the bridge pilings, so be ready to break off a few lines. I haven't seen or heard of many stripers

coming in from around the South Jetty.

For those of you who are interested in taking advantage of this early evening bite, the "Get Sum" is now running 2-hour trips from 6-8 pm for only \$200 for up to 6 anglers. This is a really good deal, and that time of day is a wonderful time to fish.

BLUEFIN TUNA

As mentioned earlier, the big bluefins have arrived in good numbers over the past couple of weeks. The bites have centered primarily around the triangle formed by the Chicken Bone, the Hot Dog and the Sausages. A few were caught as far south as the Parking Lot and the Lumpy Bottom.

COBIA

Two big cobia were caught this past week, one by a spearfisherman on an ocean wreck and the other by a young angler at Winter Quarter Shoal. The

spearfisherman snagged a 60 pounder while Matt McGuigan caught himself a 41 pounder on a chunk of clam.

SURF

Action from the suds has followed the same summer pattern we see each year with bluefish, flounder, skates, rays and kingfish dominating the action with the occasional striped bass or big shark thrown in to make life interesting.

BLUEFISH

We have seen some nice chopper bluefish being caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge, primarily from anglers fishing at night. My guess is that the anglers are targeting stripers, since they are using eels for bait, but it just shows you that gators will hit anything thrown their way.

Actually, fishing for bluefish with eels is a really fun thing to do. I love catching bluefish on eels in the fall. You can feel the chopper

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work its way up the eel and you have to time the set just right in order to hook the fish. It really is a blast!

This weekend is the famous Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. This has turned into one of the premier tournaments in Ocean City with 327 young anglers participating in last years tournament. This obviously is a great tournament for kids, and it is an amusing tournament to watch at the scales. You can imagine the excitement on the kids face when he shows up with a nice catch. It really is priceless.

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Joe and Dan Slautterback of Mifflintown, PA were fishing with live eels at night in the Indian River Inlet when they caught these two striped bass. The larger striper measured 40.5-inches and weighed 20 lbs. 13 oz. while the smaller one tipped the scales at 12 lbs. 2 oz. Weighed at Fenwick Tackle.



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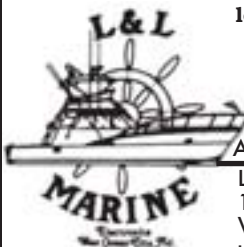


Tassos Argyros captured this 60 lb. cobia while spearfishing at an ocean wreck. Tassos also speared 4 flounder over 20-inches during the trip. The fish was weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"Talk to the fish..."

Some anglers are always talking to the fish. "Here fishy... fishy... fishy..." is a common chant. Others simply mumble short prayers while rubbing a favorite shiny stone or rabbit's foot that is in the pocket of the angler's favorite fishing shorts. Some really serious anglers tap on the bottom of the boat while calling the fish. Are fishermen crazy?

No. But some anglers are superstitious and do certain rituals and wear certain pieces of clothing and have to have a certain rod and reel when they go fishing to give them luck. Whatever they do is just a different way of concentrating on the sport. Paying attention to your rod, the fish bites, and the way your bait looks on the hook is all very important when trying to catch some fish.

Some people just want to go fishing and really don't care if they catch anything or not. Sometimes they do, and sometimes they don't. When they do catch a fish, really serious anglers call it "dumb luck!" "Luck of the draw" is part of fishing, especially on a party boat. If there are a hundred sea bass on the bottom and twenty of them are really hungry and

only three of them are big enough to keep, whichever baited hook those three keeper sea bass see first will probably be the hook they will bite. So it would be very important to get your rig on the bottom when the party boat stops.

Keep this in mind whether on a party boat, your little boat in the bay, or on a pier. There are windows of opportunity when the fish are biting really well. If your line is not in the water with some bait on the hook, you won't catch fish! Whether you talk to the fish or not is up to you, but concentrate on the fish when they are biting. You can take a break, talk on the cell phone, eat a sandwich, look at the clouds, and kick your feet up and work on the perfect tan later, when the fish quit biting!

Flounder...

Flounder can "turn on" and "turn off" with the tide. Most anglers like to fish the two hours before high tide and two hours after high tide. Flounder can also bite one or two hours on either side of low tide. Sometimes they will fool you and bite in the middle of an outgoing or an incoming tide. Some boaters "follow the tide." The tide in the bay behind Assateague happens about an

hour earlier than the tide in the Thorofare. Boats will zoom down by the Airport or Frontier Town and check that out first. If the water is dirty and/or the fish aren't biting the anglers will zip back to the Thorofare and work those waters until the tide starts slowing down.

When the tide slows down, many good anglers will push the "pedal to the metal" and fish close to the Rt. 50 Bridge and catch the tide just as it starts to slow down and fish it into the change of tide. The current in the main East Channel near the draw of the Bridge is so swift that it can only be fished when the tide slows down, close to a change of tide.) Then, when the tide starts going out too fast, a couple drifts by the Inlet Wall may work. Then... when the tide is half way out, and the water gets dirty, a drift along the south side of the South Jetty may get you some flounder if it is a nice day and your boat is big enough to go outside the Inlet. The last of the ebb and beginning of the incoming will happen here two/three hours before that tide happens in the Thorofare.

Never leave fish....

If you are fishing a place, say, the Thorofare or the bay behind Assateague and you are catching some good fish, stay there until they quit biting. Moving to a place that you think "may be better" could be a mistake. The grass is not always greener. On the other hand, if you are only catching 12 to 14-inch fish, make the change. Small fish tend to run in schools.

Offshore flounder...

It's hard to figure the tides in the ocean. It's more like current. And when the current stops the fish can stop biting. And when it starts up, the fish start up with it. In the bay, when it runs too hard, the fish are harder to catch! Flounder can be very fickle in the ocean, but when they bite, they really can bite good and the chances to get keepers is greater in the ocean than in the bay.

Flounder like a moving bait, so if you are anchored in your own boat or a party boat you got to keep your bait moving. I was watching Capt Monty on the

"Morning Star" last week, and he casts out, jigs and twitches his rod tip, and brings the bait back towards him and the boat. If you just let your bait sit on the bottom when anchored, you can catch sea bass and skates, but not many flounder. You don't have to move it constantly, but more like, twitch... twitch... twitch.... stop. Twitch... twitch... twitch... stop. When you feel a bite, stop, let the flounder take it for several seconds, then lift the rod tip. If you feel the weight of a flounder, set the hook. If it lets go, put your rod tip back down.

If you are fishing offshore, sea bass hop right on the hooks, so set the hook and they are in the boat. Flounder take a lot more finesse. It's a lot of fun, but you have to concentrate and pay attention. Try talking to the fish... "Here fishy, fishy..." It works!

"Stripers...."

Concentration is a very big part of striper fishing. If you are a boater in Ocean City and Indian River you need to concentrate on getting up early! The best striped bass bites are at daybreak before the boat traffic comes alive and scares off the schools of stripers. Anglers in Ocean City work the tip of the South Jetty with live eels, live spot, and lures. Anglers in Indian River Inlet drift by the Coast Guard Station on the incoming tide, and sometimes the mouth of the Inlet on the outgoing tide.

Anglers also fish for stripers at dusk and after dark. Catching the incoming tide and the "time of day" at the same time, and having clean water can give you luck on stripers, even in the middle of summer.

"Surf fishing...."

Well, you can't beat on the bottom of your boat, but you can "tap" the butt of your surf rod while it's in the sand spike. That can send a vibration through the base of the graphite rod and it vibrates through the blank to the tip and sends a signal to the fish through your braided line.... Do you believe this stuff?

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rod and waiting for bites. You are paying attention to the fish bites! Check your bait often when surf fishing, because the little spotted crabs can work off your bait without your even noticing it.

I like to hold my rod in the summer. Cast out, let it sit for a moment, then bump it in very slowly along the bottom of the ocean. This lets you cover more territory, keeps it moving just enough so the crabs leave you alone, and the bait stays on your hook.

"The sun hurts their eyes!"

It's a local saying that rings true with many fish in the heat of the summer. Like striper fishing in the boat, GET UP EARLY! Watching the sun rise on the beach is a beautiful experience, and you'll be there to catch some fish if the fish are biting. Whiting (aka: kingfish, sea mullet, round heads) especially bite well in the morning and will quit suddenly when the sun beats down between 10 and 11 o'clock. Fish bite again, around 4 or 5 o'clock until dusk.

After dark? Sharks and croakers!

Still talking to the fish? Or talking to yourself while fishing? That means you are concentrating on the sport!

Good fishing....

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Jake and Zach Fortney of Parma, OH, Ben Garner of Red Lion, PA, Shane Spry of Northeast, MD, Buz Miller of Baldwin, MD, and Mariah Monroe of Ridgley, WV came back with 6 keeper flounder, all caught on shiners, squid and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island. The anglers were fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate Spencer Cropper. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Cynthia and Dave Rochelle of Haymarket, VA, Matt Yekta of Chantilly, VA and Joy Weaver of Timonium, MD ended their day with 5 yellowfin tuna and a small dolphin in the box after fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. The fish all hit spreader bars in 50 fathoms inside the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.

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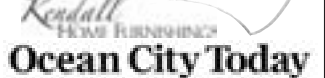
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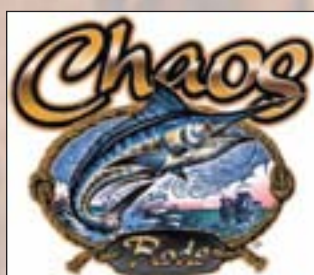
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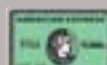
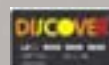
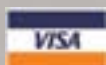
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2 large lemons
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped green onions, divided
2 TBSP. sweet pickle relish
2 TBSP. prepared horseradish
3 TBSP. chopped fresh dill, divided
4 slices white sandwich bread, torn into pieces
8 oz. mahi mahi, cut into 8 strips
1 large egg, lightly beaten
1 8 oz. bag coleslaw mix
2 TSP. olive oil

Grate enough lemon peel to measure 2 1/2 tsp.

Halve lemons; squeeze enough juice to measure 1/4

cup.

Mix peel, 2 TBSP. juice, mayonnaise, 1/4 cup green onions, relish, horseradish, and 2 TBSP. dill in a bowl; set aside.

Grind bread to fine crumbs in processor.

Place 1 cup breadcrumbs in medium bowl.

Place remaining breadcrumbs in a 13x9 inch baking dish.

Using on/off turns, very coarsely chop fish in processor (do not form paste).

Add fish to breadcrumbs in bowl; gently mix in egg, 1 TBSP. sauce, and 1/4 cup green onion.

Shape fish mixture into 3 1/2 inch round cakes; thickly coat with breadcrumbs in baking dish.

Toss coleslaw mix, 3 TBSP.

sauce, 2 TBSP. lemon juice and 1 TBSP. dill in a bowl.

Season with salt and pepper.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat.

Add fish cakes, saute until cooked through, about 2 minutes per side.

Serve fish cakes with slaw and sauce.

Serves 4

Grilled Flounder with Pineapple Salsa

2 cups cubed fresh pineapple
2 green onions, chopped
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper
1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro
4 tsp. plus 2 TBSP. lime juice, divided
1/8 tsp. plus 1/4 tsp. salt, divided
Dash cayenne pepper
1 TBSP. canola oil
8 fillets (4 oz.) each
1/8 tsp. pepper

In a small bowl, combine the pineapple, onions, green pepper, cilantro, 4 tsp. lime juice, 1/8 tsp. salt and cayenne.

Chill until serving.

Combine oil and remaining lime juice, brush over fillets.

Sprinkle with pepper and remaining salt.

Coat grill rack with cooking spray before starting grill.

Grill fish, covered, over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serve with salsa.

Serves 8

Moroccan Grilled Tuna

1/2 cup plain yogurt
Juice of 1 lemon
1 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
2 to 3 cloves garlic, smashed
1 1/2 tsp. ground coriander

1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
Kosher salt and black pepper
4 skinless fillets
1/4 cup chopped parsley, for garnish
Lemon wedges for garnish

Stir together the yogurt, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, coriander, cumin, 1/4 tsp. salt, and pepper to taste in a small bowl.

Pour half of the sauce into a large resealable plastic bag; cover and refrigerate the remaining sauce.

Add the tuna to the bag and turn to coat with the marinade.

Refrigerate for 20 to 30 minutes, turning the bag over once.

Preheat a grill to medium-high.

Remove the and blot off excess yogurt with paper towels.

Lightly oil the grill and add the tuna; cook turning until browned on the outside and opaque in the center; 4 to 6 minutes per side, depending on the thickness.

Serve with the reserved yogurt sauce and garnish with the herbs and lemon wedges.

Serves 4

Cajun Shark

1 1/2 lbs. shark, cut into bite size pieces
2 TBSP. olive oil
1 clove garlic, crushed
2 TBSP. soy sauce
1 TBSP. lemon juice
1/8 tsp. crushed red hot pepper

Saute garlic in olive oil until golden, discard garlic.

Pat shark dry on paper towels. In the same pan, cook shark in oil over medium heat until it flakes easily with a fork, about 4 to 5 minutes.

Remove to a warm plate.

Add soy sauce and lemon juice to pan, let cook for 1 minute, stirring occasionally.

Add shark to pan, sprinkle with the crushed red pepper.

Heat stirring for 1 minute.

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Bobby Bryant's 6.6 lb. flounder (left) may look bigger due to the effective use of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch" but Joe Walker's flattie just beat it out, coming in at 6.76 lbs. Both fish were caught on squid and shiners on an ocean reef site and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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In the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Binnacle" tied for 1st place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division with this 23 pounder caught on the 2nd day of the tournament. Fishing on the "Binnacle" was Randy Stinchcomb, Jake Emche, Scott Lenox, Svetlana Messick, Al Grapes, Tsvetonir Todorov and Capt. Rick Grapes. The dolphin hit a Binnacle chrome bullet head with custom dyed sapphire hair at the Hambone. The "Binnacle" team won \$1,750 in award money plus some Black Bart lures and Costa Del Mar sunglasses. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Reel Chaos" won 2nd place in the Heaviest Single Tuna Division with this 157 lb. bluefin tuna, caught on the 1st day of the tournament by Tim Stanley of Nottingham, PA. Tim was fishing with Jason Harman, Steve Moran, Mike Matarese, Ron Reid, Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and Mate Anthony Matarese, Sr. The 64.5-inch bluefin was caught on a skirted ballyhoo and was worth \$229,830 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Top Lady Angler of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament went to Chris Aiello of Severna Park, MD for this 149 lb. bluefin caught on the second day of the tournament. Chris was fishing on the "Reel'n & Deal'n" with Capt. Tommy Baldwin and Mate John Knight. Chris won \$1,500 in award money, a pendant from Park Place Jewelers and a pair of Costa Del Mar Sunglasses for her 1st place finish. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Curtis Colgate of Virginia Beach, VA caught this 23 lb. dolphin on the second day of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament to tie for first place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division. Curtis was fishing on the "Instigator" with John Davis, Capt. Dave Wentling and Mate Josh Wentling. John caught a 141 lb. bluefin during the same trip. The "Instigator" team won \$1,750 in award money plus some Black Bart lures and Costa Del Mar sunglasses. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



First place in the Heaviest Stringer Division went to the crew on the “Billfisher” for 369 lbs. caught during their two days of fishing. The crew on the “Billfisher” were Mike Wheaton, who landed this 139 lb. bluefin, Woody Klein, Bill Zimmerman, Jennifer Nichols, Dave Paugh, Capt. Jon Duffie and Mate John Prather. The “Billfisher” team took home \$96,850 in award money plus some Black Bart lures and Costa Del Mar sunglasses for their 1st place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Top Junior Angler honors in the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament went to Ethan Spencer of Pittsville, MD. Ethan caught this 147 lb. bluefin tuna on the second day of the tournament while fishing on the “Wayne’s World” with Darin Roe, Sheila Roe, Dean Roe, III, Austin Roe, John Speake, Capt. Dean Roe, Sr., and Mate Dean Roe, Jr. Ethan took home \$1,000 in award money and a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses for his first place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



TOTAL PRIZE MONEY: \$570,060
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FIRST PLACE
BOAT: “BILLFISHER”
WEIGHT: 369 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$96,850

SECOND PLACE
BOAT: “SEA SLAMMER”
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WINNINGS: \$53,183

THIRD PLACE
BOAT: “ALWAYS LATE”
WEIGHT: 317 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$30,820

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FIRST PLACE
BOAT: “THAT’S RIGHT”
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SECOND PLACE
BOAT: “REEL CHAOS”
WEIGHT: 157 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$229,830

THIRD PLACE
BOAT: “FISHOMATIC”
WEIGHT: 156 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$5,035

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FIRST PLACE - TIE
BOAT: “BINNACLE”
BOAT: “INSTIGATOR”
WEIGHT: 23 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$1,750 EACH

SECOND PLACE - TIE
BOAT: “PLAYMATE”
BOAT: “SAMURAI I”
WEIGHT: 22 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$250 EACH

TOP JUNIOR ANGLER
FIRST PLACE
ANGLER: ETHAN SPENCER
BOAT: “WAYNE’S WORLD”
WEIGHT: 147 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$1,000

SECOND PLACE
ANGLER: CHARLIE GRAVINA
BOAT: “LET IT RIDE”
WEIGHT: 139 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$500

THIRD PLACE
ANGLER: RYAN KIRK
BOAT: “TUNA BOX”
WEIGHT: 136 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$250

TOP LADY ANGLER
FIRST PLACE
ANGLER: CHRIS AIELLO
BOAT: “REEL’N & DEAL’N”
WEIGHT: 149 LBS.
WINNINGS: \$1,500

STATISTICS

DAY 1 - 74 BOATS FISHED
DAY 2 - 102 BOATS FISHED
DAY 3 - 64 BOATS FISHED



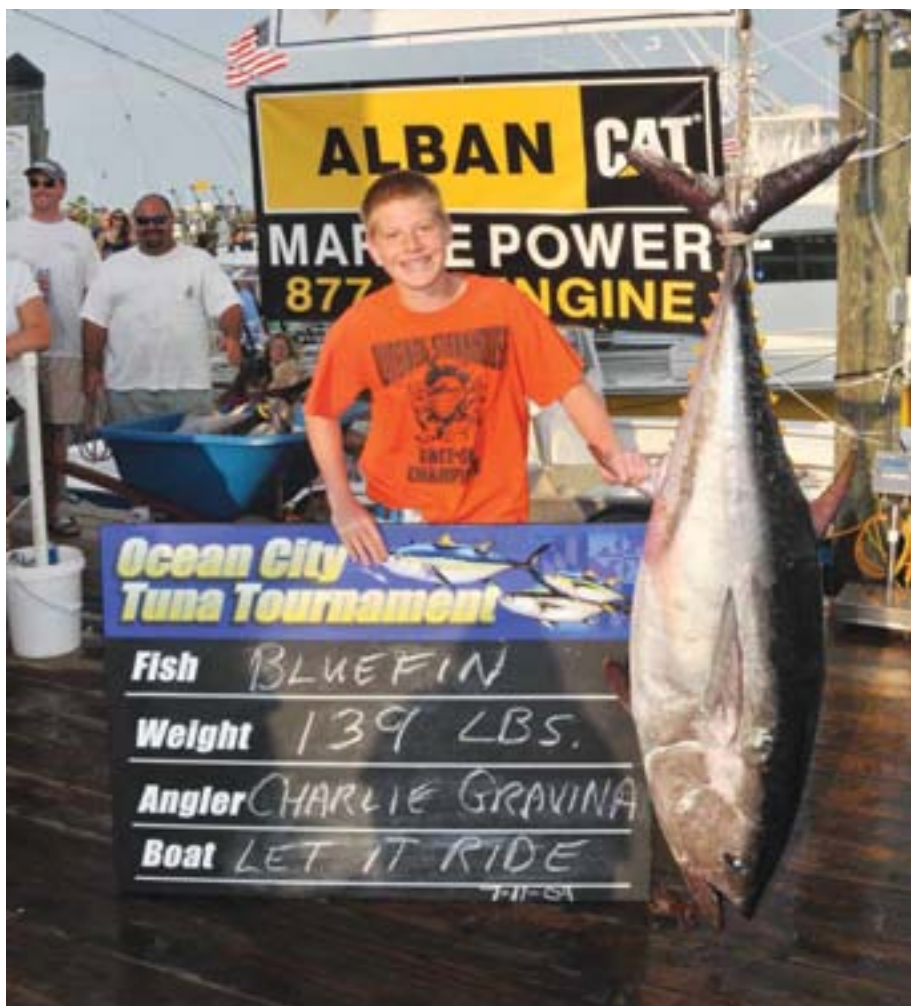
Second place in the Heaviest Stringer Division went to the crew on the "Sea Slammer" for 338 lbs. of tuna caught during their two days of fishing. Fishing on the "Sea Slammer" were Richie McCann, Sr., Richie McCann, Jr., John and Debbie McCann, Bobby Moor, Capt. Mark McDevitt and Mate Nate Benz. For their second place fishing, the team won \$53,183 in award money. Pictured at the scales at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the "Playmate" tied for second place in the Dolphin Division with this 22 pounder caught on the first day of the tournament by Mitch Ensor of Forest Hill, MD. Mitch was fishing with Kip White, Dudley Campbell, Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. The fish was worth \$250 in award money plus some Black Bart lures and Costa Del Mar sunglasses. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Tying for second place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was the crew on the "Samurai I" for this 22 pounder caught on the first day of the tournament by Wayne Warren of Alberta, Canada. Wayne was fishing with Eric Ellis, Capt. Jeremy Blunt and Mate Mike Hammond, and took home \$250 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Charlie Gravina of Fair Haven, NJ captured this 139 lb. bluefin tuna on the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament and held on to win 2nd place in the Junior Angler Division. Charlie was fishing on the "Let It Ride" with Capt. Tom McConloughe and Mates Chris Warrin and Mike Provow. Charlie took home \$500 in award money plus a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses for his 2nd place finish. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the “Fishomatic” won 3rd place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Division with this 156 lb. bluefin tuna. The tuna was caught at the Hambone by Jimmy Fisher of Silver Spring, MD while fishing with Gus Harris, George Harris, Demetrios Fales, Tim Crenshaw, Capt. Steve Mele and Mate Randy Rupli. For their 3rd place finish, the “Fishomatic” team took home \$5,035 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Third place in the Heaviest Stringer Division of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was won by the crew on the “Always Late” with 317 lbs. caught during their two days of fishing. Fishing on the “Always Late” were John Bradley, Rich Ford, Bob Bradley, Brian Lowe, Capt. Larry Richardson and Mates Cornelius Messick and Patrick O’Neill. The team won \$30,820 in award money for their 3rd place finish. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Third place in the Junior Angler Division of the 22nd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was won by Ryan Kirk of Ocala, FL. Ryan caught a 136 lb. bluefin tuna on the second day of the tournament while fishing on the “Tuna Box” with his dad, Jeff Kirk (pictured), Steve Schoneberger, Greg Richardson, Capt. Shane Heimer and Mate Don Reynolds. Ryan won \$250 in award money plus a pair of Costa Del Mar sunglasses for his 3rd place finish. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Donna Lenox, Jeanne Musser, John Penny, Paul Fleisher and Carl Mobley caught 5 nice keeper flounder while fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and Mate Serge Garder. The fish were caught on shiners and squid in the Thorofare. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Tom Jones of Selbyville, DE caught and released this white marlin, measuring 69-inches and estimated to weigh 75 lbs., while fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Rob Smith, Mike Welter, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Rich Hastings. The white marlin hit a trolled ballyhoo on the 19 Fathom Lumps inside the Washington Canyon.



Ed and Eddie Kunz from Canton, OH, Connor Preston of Aberdeen, MD and Frank Kovanic from McLean, VA took advantage of a good flounder bite, landing these 5 keepers during a 2-hour trip aboard the "Pony Island Express" with Capt. Howard Cleaver and Mate Matt Graves. All of the fish were caught on squid and shiners near Harbour Island with Frank's 22.5-incher taking largest fish honors. Pictured at Old Town Marina.

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Darin Turner of New Philadelphia, PA (left) beached this 22.5-inch flounder while casting off the shore of Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City. Darin, pictured with Matt Buziak of New Philadelphia, PA, caught the 3 lb. 15 oz. flounder on a squid and minnow combination.



Lester Herman and Craig Smith, both from East Berlin, PA caught these keeper flounder while drifting minnows north of the Thorofare. Craig's 22-incher was the largest fish of the day.



Bridgett Akers of Bel Air, MD, Kiki Manners of North Potomac, MD, Pepper Coe of Gaithersburg, MD, Cheryl Pfeiffer of Manheim, PA and Miesha Cook of Odenton, MD ended their day with sea bass and flounder in the box after fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Matt Temple and Dean Lo. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



Walt Murphy boated this 62 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Mega-Bite" with Dave Twardowski, Christian Szczerba, Mike Craft, Martin Lawrence, Chris Scholl and Capt. Tom Murphy. The crew went 1 for 2 on yellowfins, caught 1 gaffer dolphin and lost a white marlin after a short fight.

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Peter Omel of Richland, WA landed this 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a skirted strip of squid while fishing near "B" Buoy on the "Miss Rilee" with Capt. Ryan Marshall.



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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Fishing in the back bays continues to be productive for guys targeting flounder. Minnows and squid are still the #1 item in the arsenal being used to trick the flatties. The Berkley GULP! products have really made a huge impact on the success for many anglers. Fishing the GULP! on just a normal flounder rig or fishing it on a jighead will surely improve your catch numbers. A little twitch of the rod will entice the fish to strike your bait.

There have been a few reports of small croakers in the Rehoboth Bay and Indian River. Spot are also making more of an appearance and are being sought after for use as bait.

In the Indian River Inlet, stripers are being taken on live spot, live eel and on storm or Tsunami lures.

Some of the successful



Delaware Bay reefs have been giving up some big flounder lately, as shown by the 7 lb. 13 oz. flattie caught by Tammy Campbell. The flounder was caught while drifting minnows and squid aboard the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

anglers we've seen this past week are Butch Wills and Jim Alexander, who fished together in the Indian River Bay using minnows to bag 3 flatties up to 3.5 lbs. John King of Millsboro

used a minnow to trick the 6 lb. 14 oz. flounder he took home. Ron Spitz fished the Anchorage in the Delaware Bay to boat 2 flounder that measured up to 25-inches.

It appears the action in the ocean is picking up both inshore and offshore. Inshore activity seems to be improving at Site #10 and around the DB Buoy area. Offshore reports show higher numbers of bluefin tuna, bluefish and sharks. Gary Aughenbaugh ran the "Empty Hook" to the 19 Fathom Lump to troll up a 45 lb. bluefin for angler Shane Noll.

From Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, the reports on flounder, tog, striper and offshore fishing have been encouraging. A customer reported that he fished the Fenwick Shoals and threw back 10 tog up to 5 lbs. and caught 68 triggerfish, keeping 48. On the way in, they fished the inlet and caught

1 keeper striper, 2 keeper flounder, several bluefish and 2 Spanish mackerel. Cindy Wesley caught an 18-inch Spanish mackerel and limited out on bluefish up to 15-inches at 3Rs Road on mullet.

John Taylor Jr. of Denver, PA caught a 7.5 lb., 26.5-inch citation flounder in the Rehoboth Bay on livespot. West Sarver fished on the "Calvin J" at the Star Site and boated 2 flounder over 4 lbs. with 5 fish altogether. David Sullivan of Darlington, MD caught a 5.38 lb. 24-inch flounder on squid and minnow combo at the Indian River Inlet.

John Kitchen caught dolphin up to 10 lbs. at the 19 Fathom Lump on ballyhoo. John's crew also caught blues up to 10 lbs. on anything they trolled at the Hambone. Jim Bell and Chris Shepperd snagged 12 tog up to 17.5-inches on sand fleas at the Outerwall.

Todd Buchanan caught a 110 lb. mako at the 20 Fathom Fingers on a mackerel/bunker combination. Michael Davidson landed a 120 lb. mako, 2 yellowfin at 48 and 53 lbs. and 4 dolphin over 15 lbs. on an overnighter on the "Little One" at the 500 line in the Washington Canyon.

The IRBA's TaTa Tuna Tournament was a big success. The heaviest fish was a 144.7 lb. bluefin tuna on the "Mr. Lures". Second and third places went to the "Obi Wan", who graciously donated half of their winnings back to the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. They took home \$4,900. Over \$17,000 was awarded to the twelve boats that finished in the money. Trey Parker was fishing the tournament and nailed a 42 lb. 8 oz. yellowfin tuna and also released a white marlin estimated at 70 lbs.

Capt. Oak Thompson of the "MOODY BLUES VI" reported that they had the best fishing of the year. Oak caught and released over 100 flounder with 5 keepers surpassing 19-inches using minnows and live spot while drifting between the Old Gull Island and the 15 marker. The outgoing tide seemed to be the best time to catch fish.

Joe and Dan Slautterback of Mifflintown, PA caught a 20.8 lb. 40.5-inch striper and a 12.15 pounder on live eels at the

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Ron at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center reported a strong flounder bite in the back bays. The stripers are still hitting in the inlet on live spot. The DB Buoy area is providing much improved action on the sea bass and flounder. Ron also said croakers can be found anywhere in Delaware Bay.

Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle at the Indian River Marina confirms the reports of plenty of flounder in the back bays and near the inlet.

Surf fishing is a bit slow with small blues, kingfish and spot providing most of the excitement, as well as the usual sharks and skates.

Headboat action consists of flounder and sea bass. Massey's Canyon, the Hambone and the 19 Fathom Lump areas are finally starting to show signs of life, including bluefin tuna, dolphin and bluefish. A 153 lb. mako was landed at the Fingers, and a blue marlin was released at the Hot Dog. The Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons are holding yellowfin tuna and white marlin.

Dan at Henlopen Bait & Tackle mentioned that the Lewes Canal is still a great spot to fish for flounder, and 10 to 12-inch croakers have also been caught all over the Delaware Bay. A few tog and triggerfish are still on the wall, but it seems most are moving to deeper water.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said structure continued to yield good numbers of flounder for bay and ocean anglers. The Star Reef Site has been productive, and Tammy Campbell caught a 7.82 lb. citation fluke aboard the "Top Fin".

Flounder also came from sites #6 and #7 at the Brown Shoal. In the ocean, reef site #10 was a favored spot, but flatties were found at Reef Site #11, and on the Old Grounds between the DB and DA Buoys. Guys using 2 to 3 oz. bucktails tipped with squid, shiners, sand eels, smelt, cut bluefish or Gulp! had good success. A few of the other big flatfish to hit the dock this week included Captain David Walker's 7.16 pounder, and a pair weighing 5.25 and 6.46 lbs. for Rob Karpovich. Captain

Ted's Saturday group aboard the "Indian" had a nice catch near DB Buoy, with one whopper measuring 28-inches.

Shallow water fishermen still had fluke in the Lewes Canal, Roosevelt Inlet and around the piers inside Cape Henlopen, but the number of keepers has dwindled. However, Joe said even Eric Burnley managed a legal size flattie while making a few casts off the dock one morning this past week.

Tossing shad darts or other jigs tipped with minnows or Gulp! to the rocks at the base of the Ferry Jetty and the Inner and Outer Walls resulted in flounder. Structures such as the bay reef sites and the breakwaters also gave up tautog and triggerfish. Billy Shiner brought back an 8.18 lb. blackfish from the Inner Wall, while Garry Tilton took a 7.02 lb. tog off a wreck at the bay mouth. Jim Durnan got a 9.25 lb. sheepshead while free diving the Outer Wall.

More and more tasty triggerfish are showing up with warming waters. If you notice a lot of small nibbles while bottom fishing the wrecks and reefs, try

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a smaller hook with a bit of clam or shrimp, and it might result in additional triggers for the box. Croakers were scattered across the Shears, but seemed to be more concentrated on Reef #5 in Broadkill Slough. Clams, bloodworms and Fishbites were favorites for the hardheads. Stripers were also caught by casting topwater poppers, Rat-L-Traps and X-Raps along the marsh banks. Louie Maysky checked in a 17.3 lb. linesider that ate a spot in the Indian River Inlet.

Bill Swords and crew were trolling ballyhoo at the Tea Cup on Saturday when Matt Clement landed a 125 lb. bluefin tuna. The guys also hooked two other big tuna, including a 68-incher they released. Captain Larry Coyle's gang had yellowfins of 45 and 55 pounds, plus three gaffer dolphin while trolling Poor Man's.

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Past the Breakers

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Over the past week, I was pleased to hear how many of you were interested in my column last week on Beach Shark Fishing. If you missed it, don't worry! You can read that column and all the other past articles by going to www.coastalfisherman.net and clicking on the "Issues" link.

In my previous column, I presented the general concept of surf shark fishing. Considering the scope of such a broad topic, I wanted to stress the importance of safety and shark preservation before explaining the actual methods.

I have learned the following techniques by using common sense (my wife and mother might disagree about "common sense") and excellent advice from a few incredibly open minded and experienced anglers who did not discourage a guy with a passion for an unusual way to fish the surf.

Sharks

The main species of shark you are likely to catch throughout the entire year generally do not exceed 3-feet in length. However, we are going to talk about the sharks that put up a really good fight: the dusky, spinner and sandbar shark. There are other large species such as the sandtiger shark, but they pale in comparison when it comes to brute strength. Most of these sharks are very difficult to identify and many are federally protected, so make sure you practice catch and release.

Location

Location is very important when picking a stretch of beach to fish for sharks. Believe it or not, sharks are pretty much everywhere. They are cruising up and down the beach in between the sand bars feeding on skates, rays and smaller fish. I do not recommend setting up shark

baits with families swimming nearby. I suggest finding a quiet, secluded area with plenty of room.

The Conditions

Water temperature and surf conditions can play a major role in the success of your beach shark fishing trip. I have found the warmer the water, the better. Sharks also like calm water, and so do I when I have to kayak 250 yards out to drop my bait! The best time of day to really get into some heavy action is just before and after sunset.

Tackle

Hooks: I use 18/0 - 20/0 circle hooks. Just like many other fish we target, a circle hook has a much better chance of not "gut hooking" a shark (the hook getting caught in the fish's throat). I also try to use hooks that are not stainless steel and will rust quickly in case of a tackle malfunction after hookup. Also, there will be many occasions when it is much safer to cut your leader than try to remove a hook from a toothy mouth.

Bite Leader: You will need a length of line which connects to the hook that can take the punishment of a thrashing shark's mouth full of sharp teeth. Obviously, monofilament line can be cut easily, so wire leader is the way to go. If you are casting your bait, use at least one foot of wire leader. I use American Fishing Wire 49 Strand Bright 175lb test. If you are kayaking your bait, an 18-inch leader works. Crimp one end of the wire leader to a 200 lb. test barrel swivel. Now, you have your hook and bite leader.

Rub Leader: A shark's skin is like sandpaper and will rub against your line causing serious abrasions. If you are casting your baits, use at least 4-feet of 100 lb. mono rub leader. If you are kayaking your baits out, I suggest at least 6 to 8-feet of 200 lb. test mono rub leader.

Sinker: In order to keep the bait on the bottom, you will need some kind of weight. I use a heavy duty snap swivel as a

sinker slide and slide it on my rub leader. The weight of the sinker will depend on the size of your bait, the distance (casting or kayaking), the water current and wind conditions. When kayaking out 300 yards or so, I've had to resort to using bricks to hold bottom. It works, but it's not much fun reeling them in.

Running Line: Once you have crimped your rub leader to your second snap swivel, then tie your main running line to the other end. When casting, you are going to be forced to choose between strength and length. Braided line can be useful in a casting situation considering it is very strong for its diameter compared to mono. I have found 40 lb. test Power Pro to be a good choice. If you are kayaking your bait, I suggest using a combination of 50 lb. mono and 50 lb. braid. The mono will be the first line to go out and the braid will be used as a backing. You could use all braid, however mono is less expensive to replace.

Rod: You can catch a feisty 5-foot sandbar shark on your standard striper or drum rod, but it is going to be quite a fight! I've lost too many big sharks on lighter tackle and that is not fun. Personally, I prefer to use heavier tackle in case that big boy swims by. For a casting rod, you are going to want to use a strong "heaver" such as a 12-foot casting rod with a good backbone. If kayaking, you can also use a heaver or a standard heavy action boat rod. I have used both and prefer a 6-foot offshore rod simply because it is easier to manage when beaching the shark.

Reel: When casting, you will need something you are able to handle and something that can hold a lot of line. You can use either spinning or conventional. I prefer to use the Daiwa Sealine - X. I recommend choosing the size after physically holding the reel. When kayaking, I use an inexpensive Penn Senator 6/0 or 6/0 "Wide". They hold plenty of line and have loud clickers.

Bait: Sharks have an incredible sense of smell, so anything bloody or oily will work, the fresher, the better. I have often used bunker, bluefish, kingfish / croaker heads and even left over pieces of tuna scraps. You can also use ray

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wings and feel confident the bait is going to stay on the hook for a long time.

Bait Deployment Techniques

I like to get my bait out past the outer sand bar. Considering the amount of leader required to land a shark, kayaking seems to be the best choice. Always wear a life jacket and have a spotter watch from the beach. You want to secure your baited hook and sinker so it doesn't pull loose when you are crashing through the waves but also have it accessible and simple to drop off once you are a few hundred yards out. Finding your own safe way to do this is best. Just be careful not to get tangled up and find yourself losing your balance and tipping over.

Getting past those breakers can be tricky to say the least. I recommend going out a few times without any bait or lines and getting a feeling for the kayak and learn how to manage it in the surf. It may look easy, but it is a different story when you are facing a wall of white wash. Once you have dropped your bait, take a minute to catch your breath and ride the wave in. Just

be careful when you get close to the beach. Those waves crash on hard sand and you don't want the front of your kayak dropping down. You will find yourself chin to sand with a 50 lb. kayak on top of you.

Fighting a Shark

Once you get a nice shark on the line, make sure your drag is set properly. Too tight and you will break your line, too loose and you can get spooled. You never know how big the shark is, so you will have to get to know how your equipment works.

Handling a Shark

Once you have a shark in close, you want to use the waves to your advantage. As a wave crashes, try to keep the shark facing you and let the wave do the work. As you keep pressure on the line, walk backwards until the shark is on the wet sand. Once you have the shark in a few inches of water, you will need at least one person to help you get the shark a few feet from the incoming waves. You do not want to try to unhook a shark with waves crashing down and knocking everyone off balance. Hand your rod/reel to a friend and have him keep pressure on

the line.

Wearing a pair of gloves, carefully get behind the shark and grab the base of its tail.

When feeling a new pressure on its tail, the shark will most likely thrash around and you may lose your grip. Do not be afraid to let go and step back if you feel safety is an issue. Once you have a secure grip on the tail, turn the shark around and pull it to dry sand. Once you have him beached, you need to determine if you are able to safely remove the hook. At this point, it is imperative to have two or more anglers. One person needs to hold down the shark and keep it from swinging its body back and forth.

Using your legs to steady the body is helpful; just remember how course the shark's skin feels (you will definitely remember it later!). That same person carefully grabs the shark's nose and pulls upwards opening the mouth. The other angler then determines if the hook can be removed with a pair of strong, needle nose pliers. If you cannot see the hook or it is in the back of its mouth, just cut the wire leader as close to the sharks mouth as

The Release

Once you have removed the hook, grab the tail and pull the shark back to the water. Even if the shark seems too tired to move, don't let down your guard for a second. Get the shark into the incoming wash and turn its head towards the ocean. Utilize the momentum of the outgoing waves to push the shark back into the surf. Sometimes, they will swim right back out into the deep, but they can also be pushed back up onto the shore. Repeat this process until it swims away.

Keep in mind, this is obviously a dangerous way to surf fish and ALWAYS stay focused. Common sense goes a long way, and maintaining respect of the ocean, the hook and the shark is absolutely necessary.

Good luck, be safe and take pictures! I look forward to your reports. Feel free to email me at Sam@atlanticanglers.com.

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CHART PLOTTERS - NOW A STANDARD ITEM

Ever since chart plotters came out, the desire to see not only your position but also the chart details around you on a multicolored screen has made the plain GPS seem pale in comparison. Today, there are many choices of color chart plotters, so much so that they have become part of the standard electronics package.

You can certainly still purchase a unit that gives basic navigational aid information and it might even have "track plotting", but it will not show chart information and that chart data is precisely what most boaters want nowadays. Unless there is not enough

room, you will eventually end up adding a chart plotter to your boat

Most all of them have the same basic features. Their screen size may vary as will the type of display. Look for one that is designed for easy viewing in bright sunlight and is waterproof. Manufacturers are improving screen displays all the time, with particular emphasis on their appearance in bright sunlight. There are still some monochrome (one color) models on the market but the overwhelming majority of them are multi-color and that is much better for picking out different objects with ease and/or at a quick glance.

Some units use track balls to move the cursor around

and some use a built-in mouse on the front panel. Both work well so it is a matter of personal preference and has little consequence either way.

More importantly, however, is the basic software design. How easy is the unit to use? A good rule of thumb is to take a unit and, without reading its manual, see how much you can just "figure it out". Personally, I like the units that display multiple choices on the side or bottom of the screen. Look at the choices and pick the one that best describes what you are trying to do: Enter a waypoint, GO TO a waypoint, etc. The screen will give you a choice of what to do next until you are done.

The trend today is in making the screen displays larger and capable of displaying more than one item at a time. The multi-function units not only have the GPS but also the fish finder and possibly radar. Some of them have a remote control for convenience. Some displays are greater in width than height and others are exactly the opposite. It makes no difference other than personal preference and what will fit on your boat. Most of them have more waypoint capability than you'll ever need. Some have the ability to insert blank chart cartridges to store your own waypoint and data information.

So the decision is not so much whether or not to get a

chart plotter. The answer is YES. The choice of which one to get is a little more complicated. Perhaps the most critical one seems to be in determining which electronic chart it uses. Not all electronic charts work in all machines. Even if they physically look the same and may fit into your plotter, they may not be compatible, software wise, and may not work. There are some units that use their own charts and there are mapping software companies that produce units for use in PC's, etc. but the two primary leaders in chart manufacturing are C-Map and Navionics.

Both of these companies produce charts that are vector type. That means they are layered with information so that you can select the degree of information detail you want. Both say their charts are the best. The only way to really tell which is best for you is to go into a showroom where they have "working" units on display and look at the chart detail for your area.

Beyond the charting, the next areas of concern are ease of use, waterproofing, size, visibility of the display and where it can be taken if it needs servicing.

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by Mark Sampson



There's no doubt that we fishermen are a diverse lot. We fish for big fish and little fish, in freshwater and salt. We troll, we cast, we drop baits to the bottom and drift, we fish from the shore, or from piers, bridges or from boats, and the selections of tackle, baits, and lures we use are as wide as the ocean is deep. Beside the fact that we all use some kind of hooks, weights, and line, there's not

exactly a long list of commonalities that all fishermen possess. One trait, however, that most fishermen have in common (at least those that fish around these parts) is a use of the "tides."

Of course tides are not an issue in "non-tidal" water such as lakes, ponds and most streams, but those who fish in Delmarva's rivers, bays, and ocean waters know that the state of the tide can mean everything when it comes to catching or not catching fish. Very few fishermen these days put a line in the water without at least taking note of what the tide is doing and many will plan their entire fishing trip to coincide with favorable conditions.

Tides are the result of the gravitational pull of the sun and moon. But because the moon is so much closer to earth, it's the primary factor of influence. Because there's a lot of smart guys out there who can predict the moon's rotation around the earth, tides can be very accurately forecast right down to the minute, and well into the future. "Tide charts" are the

products of these calculations. If someone needs to know when the morning high tide is going to be – say on July 27th at the Ocean City Inlet, all they have to do is look at a tide chart for the area and see that it will occur at (let's just say) 6:30 am.

That being the case, here's a question for all you "hot-shot" fishermen and boaters out there: If the tide is going to be high at 6:30, would it be right to say that at 6:00 am the tide will be "coming in" (or flooding) until it finally "slacks" (or stops moving) at 6:30?

I'll bet that most folks would agree with that statement and then go on to say that sometime after the "high-slack" the tide will start to go out or "ebb." But guess what, it's all wrong! You see (and here's what's going to blow even some old-timers minds) technically speaking - tides don't "come in, flood, go out, ebb," or even "slack." The proper terms to use for what tides do is; "rise, fall, or stand" because tides are actually a measurement of the vertical (up and down) movement of water. The horizontal (in and out) movement of water that we see rushing past a dock piling or buoy, or that carries our boat up the bay is actually not the tide, it's the "current" which may be affected by the tide, but not always as much as some folks might think. The proper terms that describe what currents do are "flood" (away from the ocean), "ebb" (towards the ocean), and "slack" (no movement).

Ok, so who cares about technical terms, if I call Joe on the radio and he says "the tide is coming in" I know that means I'll be drifting up the bay, and that's all that's important to me. Right?

Well, maybe not. At 7:00 am on July 27th old Joe could still be drifting up the bay (with the current) even though the tide quit rising a

half hour ago. That's because currents are affected not just by tidal movement but also by factors such as wind and a bounce-back effect from land masses. Ever wonder why the tide chart says the low tide was supposed to be hours ago and yet water is still flying out of the inlet? Imagine putting a ping-pong ball in an empty bathtub, then you start filling the tub. At first the ball will float with the "current" to the back-side of the tub, but eventually it will start to drift with the "current" back toward the incoming water. Even though the "tide" in the tub is constantly rising, the "surface-current" is flowing toward the source of the incoming water.

Now, imagine our back bays. For about six hours as water comes in from the ocean, the tide is constantly rising, but in some parts of the bay the surface-current may change direction and actually flow back toward the inlet. From his boat, Joe only notices the horizontal movement of the current taking his boat north, not the falling of the tide.

Your tide chart that says the tide started going out over an hour ago, but you ignore this and accept Joe's assumption that the chart is wrong and the tide is still "coming in." Consequently you try to cross a sandbar that you can only transit at high tide. Whammo! You end up hard aground and now have almost five hours to wait for the next high tide when you can float your boat off the bar. Now do you see why it's good for all boaters to know the difference between tide and current?

So remember: "tides" rise, fall, and stand. "Currents" flood, ebb, and slack. And "Joe" doesn't know what he's talking about!

Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and Captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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On Friday, the anglers on the "Jade II" ventured down to the Lumpy Bottom and returned with a big bluefin tuna, a white marlin release and some dolphin. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Capt. Butch Brooks, Marc Oxendine, Robert Matter, Kevin Savage (white marlin release), Dan Savage and Mate Gary Hall. All of the fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo.



This trio of anglers have been hitting the flounder hard on ocean artificial reefs, and on this day they came home with their limit of flatties, weighing up to 6 lbs. 8 oz., on shiners and squid. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina are Larry Burkins, Joe Walker and Tony VanSant.



Seth Gusman of Baltimore, MD (right) landed this 8 lb. 12 oz. flounder, while Denny Alsing of Pittsburgh, PA captured this 5 lb. 15 oz. sea bass, both while fishing on an ocean wreck aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The flounder hit a bucktail tipped with a strip of sea robin and the sea bass was caught on a chunk of clam. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass 	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	Mako Shark 	June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.	July 1, 2009 Rick Sank Poor Man's Canyon 170 lbs.
Tautog 	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia  NEW	July 4, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck 60 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 26, 2009 Jacob Lambert Massey's Canyon 165 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna  NEW	June 8, 2009 Brian Eder "Marli" 53 lbs.	June 8, 2009 John Horning "Fish Whistle" 34 lbs.
Flounder  NEW	June 11, 2009 Avak Khachadorian "Morning Star" 9 lbs. 2 oz.	June 20, 2009 Butch Brooks Indian River 10 lbs. 13 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 27, 2009 Scott Pringle "Press Time" 210 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead 	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo 	July 3, 2009 William Wildbergh Poor Man's Canyon 27.6 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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Scott Gladhill of Hagerstown, MD caught this 64-inch, 131 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Fish Bonz" with Jason Crawford of Big Pool, MD, Bob Evans and Ken Stewart of Hagerstown, MD, Sonny White of Clear Spring, MD, Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp. The bluefin, along with a couple of dolphin were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Parking Lot. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On Saturday, Mick McMackin of St. Mary's, PA landed his first ever flounder and it was a big one, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 26.5-inches. The fish was hooked on a small minnow in the East Channel and weighed at Ake Marine.



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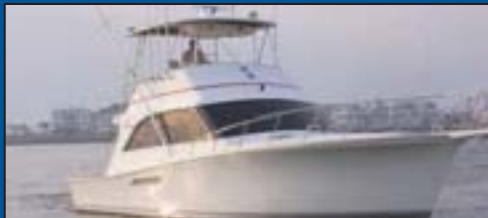
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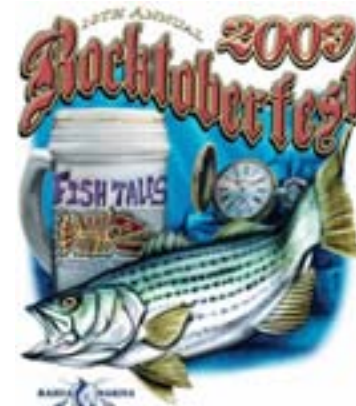
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



The Independence Day week was a fishing success, with most of the summertime players in place. The two final heavy hitters arrived this past week, tarpon and king mackerel. The tarpon is one of the most prestigious sportfishing species anywhere. These covert fish take residence each July in the backwaters of the Eastern Shore. According to the folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle, the

silver kings were off to a good start, with a few sightings, hook-ups, and landings. But with the recent cool down and easterly winds, this trend slowed to a halt.

The next big debut was the king mackerel. The first long awaited landing of the season was reported from the Little Island Fishing Pier. These fish are known for their speed, making them a prized target for anglers. Easterly winds are good for promoting king activity. Spanish mackerel continue to provide excellent action for trollers, with Cape Henry still the best location. Captain Steve Wray, skipper of the "Ocean Pearl" out of Lynnhaven, tells that his best luck is occurring in about 20 to 25-feet of water, with planers working better than in-line sinkers. These fish are a nice class, with a few 3-pounders in the mix.

Cobia hunters continue to chum on the lower bay shoals, such as Latimer Shoal and the Inner Middle Grounds, where plenty of medium-sized fish in the 20 to 30-pound range are cooperating. The biggest fish are still coming from sight

casters, who are finding fish in open water along the lower Bay channels, and the oceanfront.

Flounder are a good bet, with plenty of keepers available at most of the flattie hot spots. Folks working the CBBT are faring well with limits of decent fish and a smattering of citations while using live bait. The 1st and the 3rd Island Tubes produced the best this week. Drifting with well-presented strip baits is doing the job for many boats off Willoughby and inside Lynnhaven Inlet lately.

Spadefish are still available, although anglers are losing interest as they pursue different species. The Chesapeake Light Tower and the Cell are providing some decent spade action, but more boats are targeting these mighty fighters at the CBBT. The 3rd Island is still the top spade producing location at the CBBT, where anglers are also bailing nice 3-pound trigger fish.

Sheepshead are still biting along the tubes, islands, and pilings of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, with some days better than others. Try fiddler crabs, blue crabs, sandfleas, and clam suspended near structure for a sheep nibble, and you may get lucky. Tautog are also biting, but interest seems to be low.

Black drum sightings, with scattered hook-ups, are coming from the 2nd and 4th Islands, with some fish pushing 80-pounds. These are slow growing fish, reaching enormous sizes, so reviving these docile swimmers will boost their chances of survival. Red drum are still taking baits intended for cobia, and several sightings of schooling reds near the CBBT are providing excellent top water opportunities.

Some large croaker,

pushing 2 to 3-pounds are lurking around the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and the Cell, while the hardhead hunters in Oyster are filling multiple coolers with nice fish. The folks at the Fishing Center are reporting that decent spot moved into Rudee Inlet, with most fish ranging from 8 to 14-ounces. A few puppy drum are still hitting, but the best action is coming from Lynnhaven, where pups are ranging up to about 23-inches. Pompano began biting this week along the coastline and piers, with some fish pushing a pound.

Amberjack are enticing many anglers to make the long run to the Southern Towers lately. Many pups are willing to take your live bait, with a few big fish also testing a few backs. Jigging is also an effective method for jacks when your live well runs dry.

The offshore bite off Virginia is a good mix lately. Most anglers were looking for bluefin tuna, since the Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament was last week. Captain Mike Romeo, skipper of the "Gannet" out of Rudee Inlet, found a nice class of bluefin this week with his biggest fish tipping the scales at 168-pounds. Although the bite slowed a little over the past few days, the Hotdog, the Fingers, and 26-Mile Hill are good places to try.

King mackerel are also a possibility in these same areas. Trollers can continue to expect scattered yellowfin tuna, with a nice class of dolphin rounding out catches.

Wahoo are beginning to bite-off trollers, and a few white marlin have moved in.

Mako sharks are also still around. Danny Knight of Virginia Beach weighed in a nice 160-pounder he caught while fishing on the Frog Pile out of the Virginia Beach Fishing Center recently.

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Sean and Scott Gradwell of Allentown, PA, John and Manny DiCasimiro of Bernville, PA, Gordon Gradwell of Allentown, PA and Zach Broomell of Bernville, PA teamed up to catch this 123 lb. bluefin, a small bluefin and 4 dolphin while fishing on the "Pandemonium" with Capt. Steve Peterson and Mate D.J. Churchill. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom. Weighed at Fisherman's Marina, home of Jeff "The Fish Cleaner".

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Paul Yeaple of York, PA caught this 22.5-inch flounder on a minnow near the Rt. 90 Bridge. The flattie weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle.



Nicholas Hauer of Baltimore, MD was drifting a live minnow in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport when he hooked into this 24-inch, 4 lb. 7 oz. flounder.



It was big bluefins all week in Ocean City, as shown by the 64.5-inch caught by Tim Wagner of Easton, PA. Tim was fishing on the "Press Time" with John Wagner, Larry Nausbaum and Charles DeRohn, all from Easton, PA, Jim O'Dowd of Stockertown, PA, Dave Buckley of Gettysburg, PA (not pictured), Capt. Luke Blume and Mate Jason Genthner. The 135 lb. bluefin hit a trolled ballyhoo at the Parking Lot and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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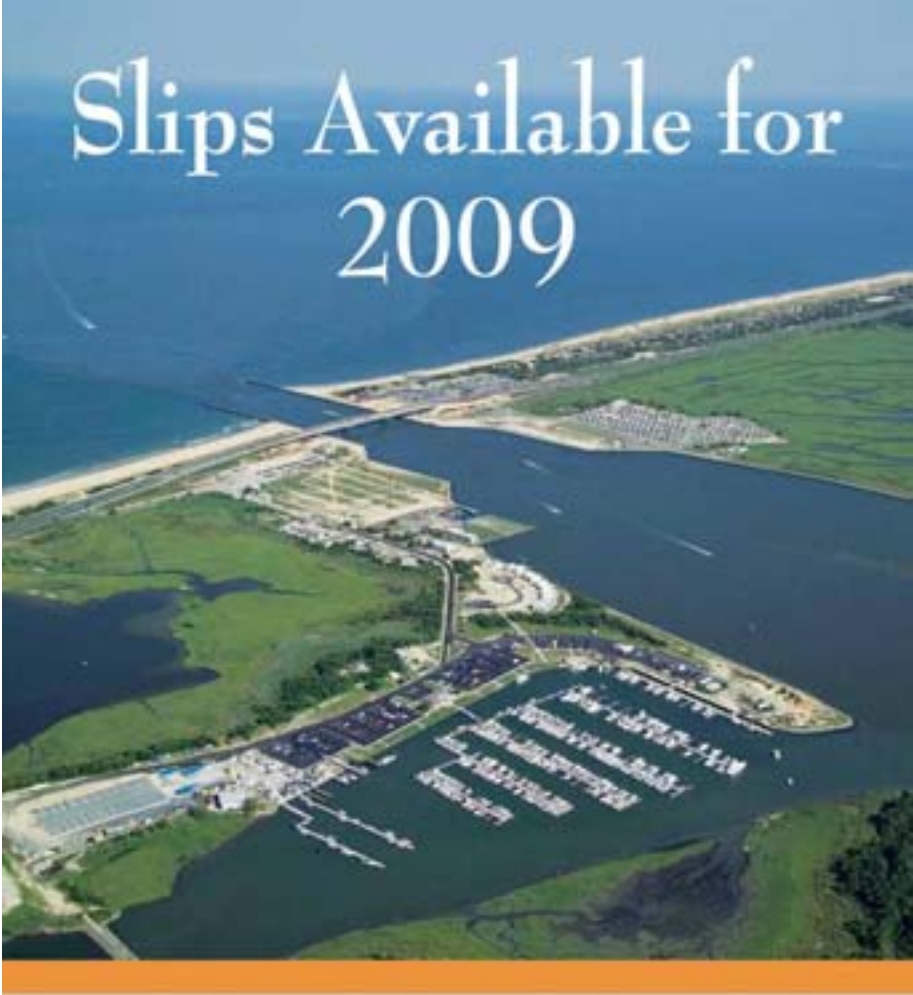
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Here's a combination you don't see very often. Patrick Montague of Fenwick Island, DE was bottomfishing with minnows at "B" Buoy when he caught this 17 lb. dolphin, a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder and some sea bass weighing up to 1 lb. 8 oz. Patrick was fishing on the "Pete's Past Time" with Kevin Rodgers, Capt. Pete Kramer and Sean Ambrose. Weighed on the scale at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.



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Anthony DiOrio of Mt. Solon, VA (right) caught this 31-inch striped bass and his son, A.J. Diorio landed himself a 28.25-incher, both while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The stripers were caught on live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Stan Wheeler, Dan Caratello and Michael Caratello, all from Boothwyn, PA and Bob Himes of Wilmington, DE teamed up to catch 10 dolphin and a yellowfin while fishing on the "Reel Naughty" with Capt. George Lamplugh, Capt. Steve Moore and Mate David Walker. The largest dolphin weighed 24 lbs. and was caught in 24 fathoms outside the Lumpy Bottom. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



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Jeff Schmidt of West Ocean City, MD captured this 6 lb. 13 oz. flounder while fishing off the bulkhead between 2nd and 4th Streets. Jeff was fishing with his daughter, Amanda, and used a peanut bunker to fool the 25.75-inch flattie.

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Time Started: _____ am/pm Hours Fished: _____

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Length	Kept	Released	Length	Kept	Released



Noah Fowler of Ake Marine caught his first dolphin of the year while trolling inside of the Poor Man’s Canyon.



Meghan Burns from Dallas, PA and Corey Burns from Monte Sereno, CA were fishing on the “Pumpin’ Hard” when they caught 2 bluefin tuna and 3 dolphin in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing with Bill Burns from Monte Sereno, CA, Tim Casey from Wilmington, DE, Tom Quinn of Galway, Ireland, John Burns from Dallas, PA, Capt. Gary Stamm and Mate David Burt. Meghan took heaviest fish honors with a 47 lb. bluefin while Corey’s tipped the scale at 37 lbs. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



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Buddy Ardis of Salisbury, MD reeled in this 38 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing with Capt. Mark Sewell on the "Hot Pursuit". The bluefin hit a green machine at the Fingers and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Bill Doherty, Jr., Bill Doherty, Sr., C.J. Walus, Joe Walus and Mike Berry, all from Wilmington, DE teamed up to land this 164.4 lb. mako shark, a dolphin and 7 tuna ranging between 34 and 43 lbs. The anglers were fishing on the "Undertaker" on an overnight trip to 500 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon and weighed their catch at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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Sylvain Houle of Montreal, Canada wrestled in this 64-inch, 137 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Last Call" with Gary Miller of Alexandria, VA, Capt. Frank Pettolina and Mate Franky Pettolina. The bluefin, along with 4 dolphin, were hooked on trolled ballyhoo east of the Hot Dog and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

~ JULY ~

8th Annual Mid-Atlantic Tuna Tournament

July 15 - 18 • Cape May, NJ
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5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic

July 17 - 19 • OC Marlin Club
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Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament

July 24 - 26 • Sunset Marina
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1st Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament

July 30 - August 1 • OC Marlin Club
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~ AUGUST ~

2nd Annual Ocean Pines Summer Flounder Tournament

August 1 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club
410-641-5306

36th Annual White Marlin Open

August 3 - 7 • Harbour Island Marina
410-289-9229

16th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open

August 13 - 15 • Bahia Marina
410-289-7473



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Big Oh ~ 63' Scarborough 2007 - CAT C-32 1650 hp. 3/3, teak interior, ice & water makers, Pipewelders tower, mezz. Tournament winner!! Call Jimmy



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\$2,700,000
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\$599,000
45' Rampage 2005 C-12 CATs
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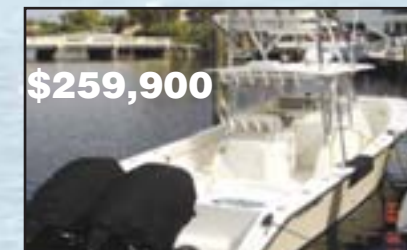
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Phat Mann ~ 65' PAUL MANN 2006. CAT C-32s with low hours. 3/2 layout, beautiful interior w/ many upgrades. Mezzanine, Eskimo Ice, water maker, teak cockpit. Call Jimmy



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Good Grief ~ 52' Spencer 2004. 1000hp CAT C-18s, 2/2, curly maple interior. Sub Zeros, water & ice makers. Economical fuel burn. Only 52' avail. Call Jimmy



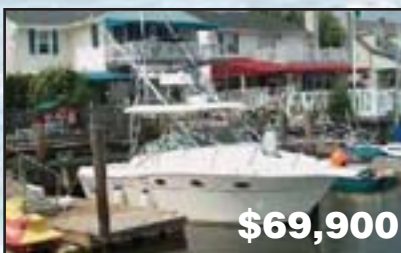
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Marilyn Sue ~ 35' 2001 Carolina Classic. 465 hp 3126 CATs. 2/1 layout. Furuno electronics. A fisherman's dream. Call Steve



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Judy-Judy ~ 31' 2001 Sportcraft 3010 HT. Twin Merc 350 MAG, marlin tower w/controls, good electronics. Call Steve



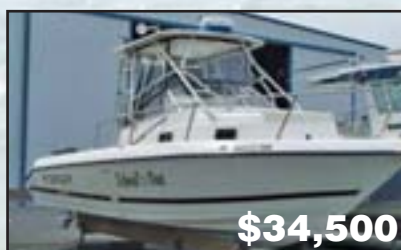
\$55,900
Reel Blue ~ 29' 1988 Phoenix SFX Convertible. Twin turbo Volvo TAMD41 P-A's, fuel efficient to the canyons. Call Steve



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